1	2	3	4
IV.	Mizoram	1. Aizwal	1,410
		2. Chhimtuipui	129
		3. Lungleh	650
V.	Nagaland	1. Kohima	2,121
		2. Mokokchung	188
		3. Mon	10
		4. Phek	Nil
		5. Tuensang	13
		6. Wokha	Nil
		7. Juneboto	20
VI.	Tripura	1. Dhalai	109
		2. North Tripura	645
		3. South Tripura	493
		4. West Tripura	4,480

Private and foreign investment in satellite communication sector

2328. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open up the satellite communication sector to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether foreign investment in this field is allowed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Satellite communication for Closed Users Group is being provided by Indian registered companies leasing transponder capacity on INSAT satellite system. So far thirteen (13) licenses have already been awarded to these companies from 3.8.94 onwards. Nine (9) companies have started the service.

(c) and (d) The Indian registered companies providing Closed User Group Satellite services, may have joint venture with foreign firms wherein foreign equity participation is restricted to 49 per cent.

Postponement of deposit of licence fees on cellular phone

2329. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private cellular phone operators have requested the DOT for postponement of deposit of 2nd and 3rd instalment of licence fees as agreed by them in the tender;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the DOTs response thereto; and

(c) whether the DOT has sought the opinion of the Ministry of Finance on the subject and if so, the details thereof?